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18 May 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the Director for National  
Intelligence Programs Evaluation

SUBJECT: Status of Overhead Photographic  
Reconnaissance

1. In keeping with our recent discussions on the above subject and endeavoring to take into account the reported suggestions arising from your recent discussion of this subject with the Director, a new draft is attached. Whereas this could certainly be prepared on a monthly basis as a special briefing for the Director, we believe it would be of value to the Board and to COMOR. I would propose you consider the plan for its monthly production.

2. It is proposed that this document, updated on a monthly basis, should be made available to the USIB on the last Wednesday of each month so that it would be of use to the Director in his meeting with the Special Group on the following day, at which time normally the Special Group would be considering the NRO schedule of overflight activities. The document would be considered in draft and approved by COMOR at its meeting the previous Thursday. Such consideration would assure that no part of the document, which is obviously of community interest, would be at variance with any new thinking emerging in the community.

3. You will note in the last paragraph of the introductory memorandum that mention is made of the procedure which you had indicated the Director had approved for reporting on the degree to which specified requirements had been met as soon as possible after a mission is completed. Memoranda on such suggestions would be submitted to the Board throughout the month as circumstances warranted.

NRO review(s) completed.

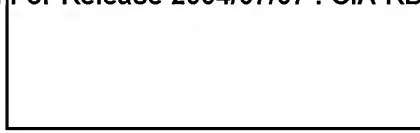
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4. Recommendation: That you advise whether the attached is satisfactory to meet the Director's needs, of course pointing out any inadequacies for amendment, and approve also the procedure outlined in para 2 above.

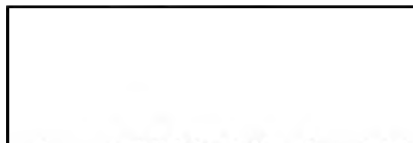
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James Q. Reber  
Chairman  
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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